

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Changing Farm Structure and the Distribution of Farm Payments
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service Influential Scientific Information
USDA Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review: The Federal Government provides support to farmers in a variety of ways, generally through USDA programs. This report focuses on two types of Government support for farmers: Government payments made directly to farmers and indemnity payments from federal crop insurance. This report reviews recent trends in indemnity payments and different types of Government payments to farms. The report also describes recent trends in farm sizes and in the effect of those trends on the distribution of payments to different farm size classes and farm household income classes. Finally, the report summarizes the possible impacts of current and proposed payment limits and income eligibility caps on Government payments, land markets, risk-sharing, and production.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: Panel Review Individual Reviewers
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 04/01/11 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No

